



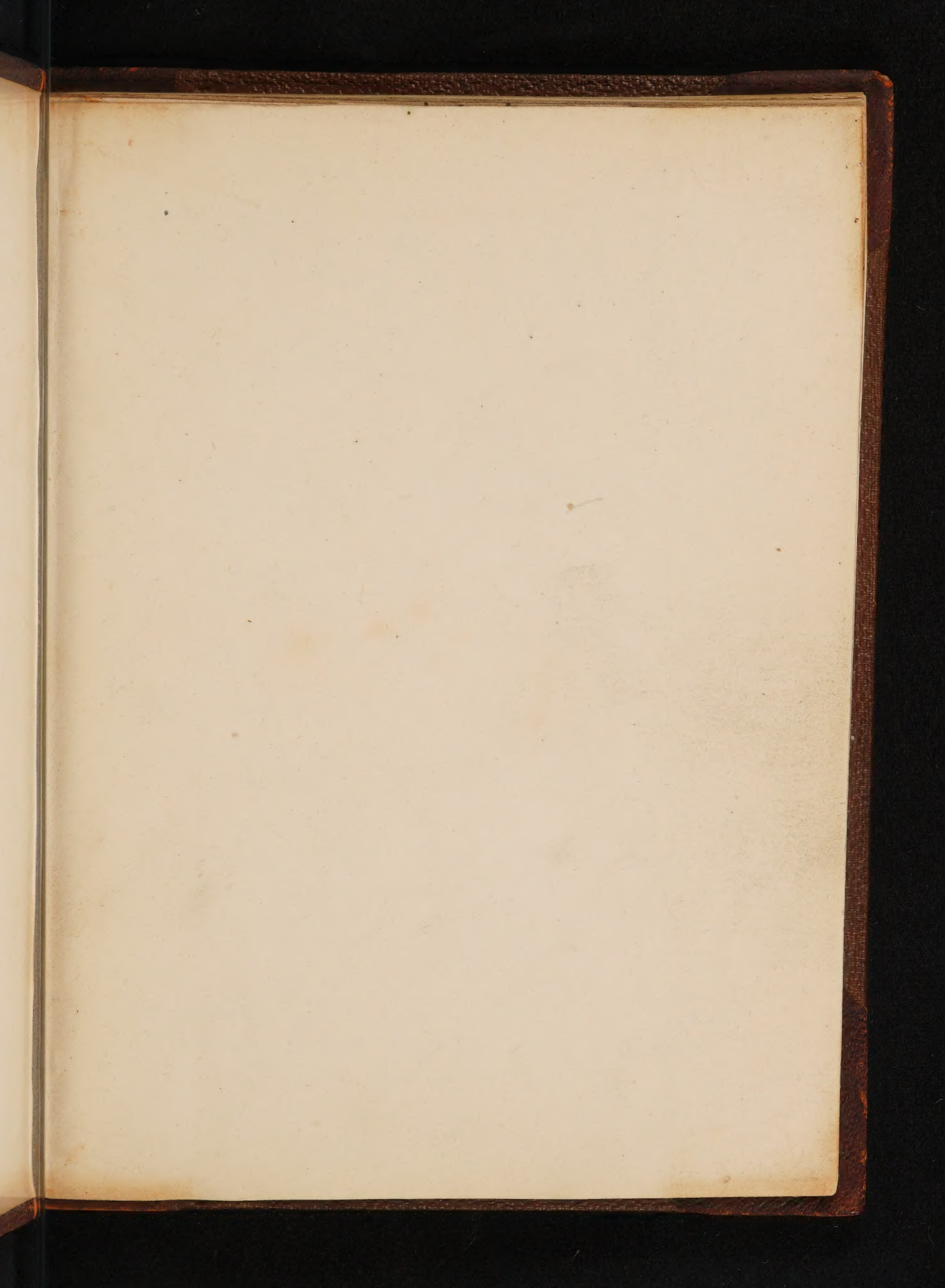


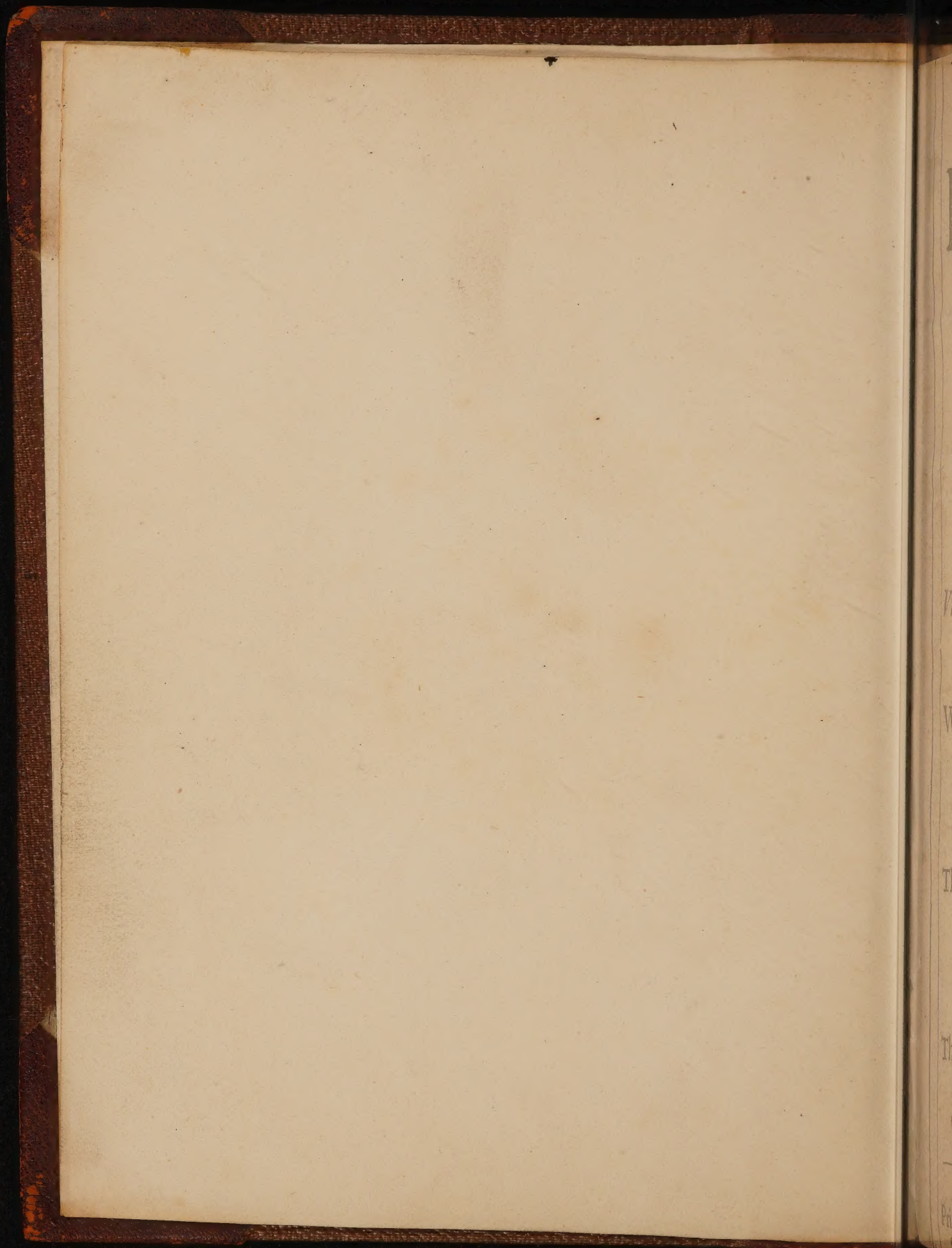




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A True and Impartial
RELATION
OF THE
INFORMATIONS
AGAINST

Three Witches,

Viz. { TEMPERANCE LLOYD,
MARY TREMBLES, and
SUSANNA EDWARDS.

Who were Indicted, Arraigned, and Convicted
at the Assizes holden for the County of *DEVON*
at the Castle of *EXON*, Aug. 14. 1682.

WITH
Their several **CONFESSIONS**, taken before
Thomas Gist Mayor, and *John Davie* Alderman
of *Biddiford* in the said County, where
they were Inhabitants.

AS ALSO
Their **SPEECHES, CONFESSIONS, and**
BEHAVIOUR, at the time and place of Execu-
on the Twenty fifth of the said Month.

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IN A VOLUME, AT THE END OF WHICH

ON THE TWENTY-NINTH OF THE MONTH

LONDON:

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TO THE READER.

Reader,

THis Relation was written by a faithful and able Hand, employed in taking the Examinations and Confessions of Temperance Lloyd, Mary Trembles, and Susanna Edwards, who were Executed the 25th of August 1682. When I have told you, that it is the onely True, Authentick, and Exact Account; and that if any others creep abroad, they are lame and imperfect; I need no other Argument to recommend it to thy Perusal; onely that it is the more remarkable, in regard we have had no Conviction or Execution of any Witches for many years past.

If thou dost not believe the being of Witches, study the Sacred Writ; consider that the Wisdom of Nations have provided Laws against such persons: Read those of King a Alfred, and the Canons Editus sub b Edgardo Rege. And that it hath been the Judgement of

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To the Reader.

this Kingdom, appears by an Act of Parliament which hath provided Punishments proportionable to the quality of this Offence.

Thou mayst at leisure consult the Learned Monarch King James, in his Dæmonologia, fol. 91. and the late Tryal of Witches before the Honourable Judicious Great Man, Judge Hales. See also Dr. More's learned Discourse, intituled Saducismus Triumphatus, where the Subject of Witches and Spirits is handled at large.

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True and Impartial R E L A T I O N
O F
The C O N F E S S I O N S of
Thzee Witches.

Devon. ss. *The Information of Dorcas Coleman, the Wife of John Coleman of Biddiford. ss. Biddiford aforesaid Marriner, taken upon her Oath before Thomas Gist Mayor of the Burrough, Town, and Mannor of Biddiford aforesaid, and John Davie Alderman, two of his Majesties Justices of the Peace within the same Burrough, &c. the 26th day of July, Anno Dom. 1682.*

THe said Informant upon her Oath saith, That about the end of the Month of *August*, in the Year of our Lord God 1680. she was taken in tormenting Pains, by pricking in her Arms, Stomach, and
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Heart, in such a manner, as she was never taken so before.

Upon which, she this Informant did desire one *Thomas Bremincom* to repair unto Doctor *Beare* for some remedy for these Pains. And very shortly afterwards the said Doctor *Beare* did repair unto this Informant.

And upon view of her Body he did say, that it was past his skill to ease her of her said Pains ; for he told her that she was Bewitch'd.

And further saith, That at the time of her tormenting Pains, she this Informant did see her the said *Susanna Edwards* in her Chamber: And that she this Informant would point with her Finger at what place in the Chamber the said *Susanna Edwards* would stand, and where she would go.

And further saith, That she hath continued so ever since, more or less every Week.

And saith, That when the said *Susanna* was apprehended concerning *Grace Barnes* of *Biddisford* aforesaid, that this Informant did go to see the said *Susanna*. And that when the said *Susanna* was in Prison, she did confess unto this Informant, that she had bewitched her, and done her some bodily harm by bewitching of her.

And thereupon she fell down on her Knees, and desired this Informant to pray for her the said *Susanna Edwards*.

Thomas Gist Mayor.

John Davie Alderman.

Devon. ss. *The Information of Thomas Bremin-*
com of Biddiford in the County a-
 Biddiford ss. *foresaid Gent. taken upon his Oath*
before us , Thomas Gist Mayor of
the Burrough, Town, and Mannor of
Biddiford aforesaid, & John Davie
Alderman, two of his Majesties Ju-
stices of the Peace within the same
Burrough, &c. the 26 day of July,
 Anno Dom. 1682.

THe said Informant upon his Oath saith, That about two years ago, *Dorcas Coleman* the Wife of *John Coleman* of *Biddiford* aforesaid Marriner, was taken very sick, and in her Sickness this Informant did repair unto one Doctor *Beare* for some Remedy for these Pains. The said Mr. *Beare* being come unto her, and upon view of her Body did say, that it was past his skill to ease her, by reason that she was bewitched.

And further saith , That after that the said Mr. *Beare* had left her, he this Informant did see one *Susanna Edwards* of *Biddiford* aforesaid Widow, to come into her Chamber to visit her the said *Dorcas*.

This Informant further saith, That assoon as the said *Dorcas* did see the said *Susanna Edwards*, she did strive to fly in the face of the said *Susanna*; but was not able to get out of the Chair wherein she sate. This Informant, and *John Coleman* the said *Dorcas*'s Husband,
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did strive to help her out of the Chair: Upon which the said *Susanna Edwards* began to go backwards for to go out of the Chamber.

And further saith, That when the said *Susanna* was almost gone out of the Chamber, the said *Dorcas* did slide out of the Chair upon her Back, and so strive to go after the said *Susanna*. But this Informant and her said Husband seeing her in such a sad condition, did endeavour to take her up from the Ground, but could not, until that the said *Susanna* was gone down over the Stairs.

This Informant further saith, That at the same time of her tormenting Pains, and when she could neither see nor speak, by reason that her pains were so violent upon her, this Informant hath seen her, the said *Dorcas*, to point with her Hand which way the said *Susanna Edwards* was gone.

And further saith, That immediately after he hath gone out at the Fore-door of the House where the said *Dorcas* doth live, and hath seen the said *Susanna Edwards* to go the same way that the said *Dorcas* did point with her Hand.

Thomas Gist Mayor.

John Davie Alderman.

Devon. ss. *The Information of John Coleman of Biddiford in the County aforesaid*
 Biddiford ss. *Marriner, taken upon his Oath before Thomas Gist Mayor of the Burrough, Town and Mannor of Biddiford aforesaid, and John Davie Alderman, two of his Majesties Justices of the Peace within the same Burrough, &c. the 26th day of July, Anno Dom. 1682.*

THe said Informant upon his Oath saith, That *Dorcas Coleman* his Wife has been a long time sick in a very strange and unusual manner; And he hath sought far and neer for Remedy.

And saith, that one Doctor *George Beare* being advised with concerning her Sickness, in this Deponents absence, (whilst he was at Sea) the said Mr. *Beare* hath (as this Informant was told by his said Wife, and his Uncle *Thomas Bremincom*, at his return) said, that it was past his skill to prescribe directions for her Cure, because that the said *Dorcas* was bewicht.

This Informant further saith, That about three Months now last past, his said Wife was sitting in a Chair, and being Speechless, he this Informant did see one *Susanna Edwards* of *Biddiford* aforesaid Widow, to come into the Chamber under a pretence to visit her.

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Whereupon this Informants Wife did strive to come at her the said *Susanna*, but could not get out of the Chair.

Upon which, this Informant and the said *Thomas Bremincom* did endeavour to help her out of the Chair; and the said *Susanna* did go towards the Chamber-door.

And further saith, That when the said *Susanna* was come at the Chamber-door, she the said *Dorcas* (remaining speechless as aforesaid) did slide out of the Chair upon her Back, and so strove to come at her the said *Susanna*; but was not able to rise from the Ground, until the said *Susanna* was gone down the Stairs.

And further saith, That the said *Dorcas* hath continued in such a strange and unusual manner of Sicknes ever since unto this day, with some intermissions.

Thomas Gist Mayor.

John Davie Alderman.

Examined with the Original
whereof this is a true Copy.

John Hill Town-Clerk.

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Devon. ss. *The Information of Grace Thomas of Biddiford in the County aforesaid*
 Biddiford ss. *Spinster, taken upon her Oath the 3d day of July, in the 34th year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord Charles the Second, by the Grace of God, of England, Scotland, France and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, &c. before us Thomas Gist Mayor of the Burrough, Town, and Mannor of Biddiford aforesaid, and John Davie Alderman, two of his Majesties Justices of the Peace within the same Burrough, &c.*

THe said Informant upon her Oath saith, That upon or about the 2d day of *February*, which was in the year of our Lord 1680. this Informant was taken with great Pains in her Head and all her Limbs, which Pains continued on her till neer or upon the first day of *August* then following; and then this Informants Pains began to abate, and this Informant was able to walk abroad to take the Air: But in the Night-season she was in much pain, and not able to take her rest.

This Informant further saith, That upon or about the 30th day of *September* now last past, this Informant was going up the High Street of *Biddiford*, where this

Informant met with *Temperance Lloyd* of *Biddisford* aforesaid Widow, and she the said *Temperance* did then and there fall down on her Knees to this Informant, and wept, (saying) *Mrs. Grace*, I am glad to see you so strong again.

Upon which this Informant said, Why dost thou weep for me? Unto which the said *Temperance* replied, I weep for Joy to see you so well again, as the said *Temperance* then pretended.

This Informant further saith, That in that very night she this Informant was taken very ill with sticking and pricking Pains, as though Pins and Awls had been thrust into her Body, from the Crown of her Head to the Soles of her Feet; and this Informant lay as though it had been upon a Rack.

And saith, That these pricking Pains have continued upon her Body ever since; and that her Pains are much worse by night than by day.

This Informant further saith, That on Thursday the first day of *June* last past in the night, she this Informant was bound and seemingly chain'd up, with all her sticking Pains gathered together in her Belly; so that on a sudden her Belly was swoln as big as two Bellies, which caused her to cry out, *I shall die, I shall die*; and in this sad condition this Informant lay as though she had been dead for a long space (which those persons that were in the Chamber with her this Informant did compute to be about two hours).

And this Informant further saith, That on Friday-night last, being the 30th day of *June*, this Informant was again pinch'd and prick'd to the Heart, with such cruel thrusting pains in her Head, Shoulders, Arms, Hands, Thighs, and Legs, as though the Flesh would have been
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Devon. ss.
Biddisford ss. **A**Nd whereas upon or about the 15th
 of May, which was in the year of our
 Lord 1679. she was accused before the then
 Mayor and Justices of the Town of *Biddisford* aforesaid,
 for practising Witchcraft upon the Body of one *Anne*
Fellow the Daughter of *Edward Fellow* of *Biddisford*
 Gent. And although her Body was then searched by
 four Women of the Town of *Biddisford* aforesaid, and
 the Proofs then against her not so clear and conspicuous,
 the said Mr. *Fellow* did not further prosecute against
 her; yet this Examinant doth now confess that the said
 black Man or Devil, (or some other black Man or De-
 vil) with her this said Examinant, did do some bodily hurt
 to the said *Anne Fellow*, and that thereupon the said
Anne Fellow did shortly die and depart this life.

Thomas Gist Mayor.

John Davie Alderman.

Devon. ss.
Biddisford ss. **W**Hereas we, *Thomas Eastchurch* and
Elizabeth Eastchurch his Wife, *Honor*
Hooper, and *Anne Wakely*, upon yesterday,
 which was the 3d of July, 1682. did give in and deliver
 our several Informations upon our Oaths, before *Thomas*
Gist Mayor of the Burrough, Town, and Mannor of *Bid-*
dissford aforesaid, and *John Davie* Alderman, two of his
 Majesties Justices of the Peace within the same Bur-
 rough, &c. of *Biddisford*, against *Temperance Lloyd* of
Biddisford aforesaid Widow, for using and practising of
 Witchcraft upon the Body of *Grace Thomas* of the same
 Town Spinster, as by our several Examinations it doth
 and may appear. D But

But because we were dissatisfied in some particulars concerning a piece of Leather which the said *Temperance* had confessed of unto the said *Elizabeth Eastchurch*, in such manner as is mentioned in the said *Elizabeth Eastchurch's* Examination, and we conceiving that there might be some enchantment used in or about the said Leather: Therefore upon this present 4th day of *July*, we, with the leave and approbation of the said *Mr. Gist* the Mayor, did bring the said *Temperance* into the Parish-Church of *Biddisford* aforesaid, in the presence of *Mr. Michael Ogilby* Rector of the same Parish-Church, and divers other persons, where the said *Temperance* was demanded by the said *Mr. Ogilby* how long since the Devil did tempt her to do evil.

Whereupon she the said *Temperance* did say and confess, that about twelve years ago she was tempted by the Devil to be instrumental to the death of *William Herbert* named in her said Examination.

And that the Devil did promise her that she should live well and do well. And she did then also confess that she was thereupon an Instrument of the death of the said *William Herbert*.

And as to the said *Grace Thomas*, she further said and confessed, that on Friday was Sevensnight, (which was the 23th day of *June* last past) she the said *Temperance* came into the said *Thomas Eastchurch's* Shop in the form and shape of a Cat; And fetcht out of the same Shop a Puppit or Picture, (commonly called a Childs Baby) and that she carried the same up into the Chamber where the said *Grace Thomas* did lodge, and left it about the Bed whereon the said *Grace Thomas* did lie; but would not confess that she had prickt any Pins in the said Puppit or Baby-picture, although she were demanded

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particularly that Question by the said Mr. Ogilby.

Also the said *Temperance* did then and there confess, that she was the cause of the death of *Anne Fellow*, the Daughter of *Edward Fellow* named in her said Examination.

Also she did then and there confess, that she was the cause of the death of one *Jane Dallyn* the late Wife of *Symon Dallyn* of *Biddiford* Marriner, by pricking of her in one of her Eyes, which she did so secretly perform, that she was never discovered or punished for the same.

Also the said *Temperance Lloyd* did confess and declare, that she did bewitch unto death one *Lydia Burman* of *Biddiford* aforesaid Spinster, because she had been a Witness against her the said *Temperance* at the Trial for her Life and Death at the Assizes when she was Arraigned for the death of the said *William Herbert*, and had deposed that the said *Temperance* had appeared unto her in the shape of a red Pig at such time as the said *Lydia* was brewing in the house of one *Humphry Ackland* of *Biddiford* aforesaid.

Being further demanded again in what part of the house of the said Mr. *Eastchurch*, or in what part of the Bed whereon the said *Grace Thomas* lay, she left the Puppet or Baby-picture above-mentioned, saith, that she would not nor must not discover; for if she did discover the same, that the Devil would tear her in pieces.

And afterwards the said Mr. *Ogilby* desired the said *Temperance* to say the Lords Prayer and her Creed; which she imperfectly performing, the said Mr. *Ogilby* did give her many good Exhortations, and so departed from her.

In Witness whereof, we have hereunto set our Hands this 4th day of *July*, in the Four and thirtieth year of

the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *Charles* the Second,
by the Grace of God, of *England*, *Scotland*, *France*
and *Ireland* King, defender of the Faith, *Annoq; Dom.*
1682.

July 4. 1682.

Sworn before us

Thomas Gist Mayor.

John Davie Alderman.

Devon. ss. *The Information of Thomas East-*
church of Biddiford in the County
Biddiford ss. *aforesaid Gent. taken upon his Oath*
before us, Thomas Gist Mayor of
the Burrough, Town, and Mannor of
Biddiford aforesaid, & John Davie
Alderman, two of his Majesties Ju-
stices of the Peace within the same
Burrough, &c. the 3d day of July,
Anno Dom. 1682.

THe said Informant upon his Oath saith, That upon
yesterday, which was the second day of *July*, he
did hear the said *Temperance Lloyd* to say and confess,
that about the 30th day of *September* last past, as she
was returning from the Bakehouse with a Loaf of Bread
under her Arm, towards her own House, she the said
Temperance Lloyd did meet with something in the like-
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ness of a black Man, in a Street called *Higher Gunstone-Lane* within this Town, and then and there the said black man did tempt and perswade her to go to this Informant's house to torment one *Grace Thomas*, who is this Informant's Sister-in law.

That the said *Temperance* did first refuse the Temptation, saying that the said *Grace Thomas* had done her no harm. But afterwards, by the further perswasion and temptation of the said black Man, she did go to this Informant's house; and that she went up the Stairs after the black Man: And confessed that both of them went into the Chamber where this Informant's said Sister-in-law was, and that there they found one *Anne Wakely*, the Wife of *William Wakely* of *Biddisford*, rubbing of one of the Arms and one of the Legs of the said *Grace Thomas*.

And this Informant further saith, That the said *Temperance* did also confess, that the black Man did perswade the said *Temperance* to pinch the said *Grace Thomas* in the Knees, Arms, and Shoulders; intimating with her Fingers how she did it. And that when she came down the Stairs again into the Street, she saw a Braget Cat go into this Informant's Shop; and that she believed it to be the Devil.

And this Informant did hear the said *Temperance* to say and confess, that on Friday-night last (which was the 30th day of *June*) the black Man did meet with her neer her own Door, about ten of the clock of that same night, and there did again tempt her to go to this Informant's house, and to make an end of the said *Grace Thomas*.

Whereupon the said *Temperance* did go to this Informant's house with the said black Man, and that she went into the Chamber where the said *Grace Thomas* lay.

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And further did confess, that she did pinch and prick the said *Grace Thomas* again in several parts of her Body, (declaring with both of her Hands dow she did do it). And that thereupon the said *Grace Thomas* did cry out terribly. And confessed that the said black man told her that she should make an end of her the said *Grace Thomas*.

And further she the said *Temperance* did say and confess, that the said black Man did promise her the said *Temperance* that no one should discover her or see her.

And she also confessed, that about twelve of the clock of that same night the black Man did suck her in the Street in her Secret parts, she kneeling down to him. That he had blackish Clothes, and was about the length of her Arm. That he had broad Eyes, and a Mouth like a Toad, and afterwards vanisht clear away out of her sight.

This Informant further saith, That he heard the said *Temperance* to confess, that about the first day of *June* last past the said black Man was with her again, and told her, that on that night she the said *Temperance* should make an end of the said *Grace Thomas*; and confessed that she the said *Temperance* had that night griped the said *Grace Thomas* in her Belly, Stomach, and Breast, and clipt her to the Heart.

And that the said *Grace Thomas* did cry out pitifully. And that the said *Temperance* was about the space of two hours tormenting of her. And that one *Anne Wake-ly* (with several other Women) were then present in the Chamber, but could not see her the said *Temperance*; and that the black Man stood by her in the same Room also.

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This Informant further saith, That he supposed that the said *Grace Thomas* in her Sicknes had been afflicted thorough a Distemper arising from a natural cause, did repair unto several Physicians, but that she the said *Grace* could never receive any benefit prescribed by them.

Thomas Gist Mayor.

John Davie Alderman.

Devon. ss. *The Information of William Herbert of Biddiford in the County aforesaid*
 Biddiford ss. *Black-smith, taken upon his Oath the 12th day of August, in the 34th year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord Charles the Second, by the Grace of God, of England, Scotland, France and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, &c. before Thomas Gist Mayor of the Burrough, Town, and Mannor of Biddiford aforesaid, and John Davie Alderman, two of his Majesties Justices of the Peace within the same Burrough, &c.*

THis Informant upon his Oath saith, That neer or upon the 2d day of *February*, which was in the year of our Lord God 1670. he did hear his Father *William Herbert* to declare on his Death-bed, that *Tempe-*

rance Lloyd of *Biddiford* aforesaid Widow had bewitched his said Father unto death.

This Informant's Father further declaring unto this Informant, that he, with the rest of his Relations, should view his Father's Body after his Decease ; and that by his Body they should see what Prints and Marks the aforesaid *Temperance Lloyd* had made upon his Body. And further saith, that his said Father did lay his blood to the charge of the said *Temperance Lloyd*, and desired this Informant to see her apprehended for the same ; which was accordingly done : And saith, that she was accused for the same, but that she was then acquitted at the Assizes.

This Informant further saith , That upon the fourth day of *July* now last past, he went to the Prison of *Biddiford*, where the said *Temperance* was, (she being then in the said Prison concerning *Mrs. Grace Thomas*) and demanded of her whether she had done any bodily harm or hurt unto the said *William Herbert* deceased, this Informant's late Father ; unto which she answered and said, Surely *William* I did kill thy Father.

This Informant did demand of her further, whether she had done any hurt or harm to one *Lydia Burman* late of *Biddiford* Spinster. Unto which the said *Temperance Lloyd* answered and said, that she was the cause of her death.

This Informant demanded of her the said *Temperance*, why she had not confessed so much when she was in Prison last time ? She answered, that her time was not expired ; For the Devil had given her greater power, and a longer time.

And this Informant did hear the said *Temperance Lloyd* to confess, that she was the cause of the death of
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Anne Fellow the Daughter of *Edward Fellow* of *Biddiford* Gent. And also that she the said *Temperance* was the cause of the bewitching out of one of the Eyes of *Jane* the Wife of one *Simon Dallyn* of *Biddiford* aforesaid Marriner.

Thomas Gist Mayor.

John Davie Alderman.

Examined with the Original
whereof this is a true Copy.

John Hill Town-Clerk.

Devon. ss. *The Information* of *John Barnes* of
Biddiford in the County aforesaid
Biddiford ss. *Yeoman*, taken upon his Oath be-
fore us *Thomas Gist* Mayor of the
Burrough, Town and Mannor of *Bid-*
diford aforesaid, and *John Davie*
Alderman, two of his Majesties Ju-
stices of the Peace within the same
Burrough, &c. the 18th day of July,
Anno Dom. 1682.

THE said Informant upon his Oath saith, That upon
Easter-Tuesday, (which was the 18th day of
May last past) this Informant's Wife was taken with ve-
ry great pains of sticking and pricking in her Arms,
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Stomach, and Breast, as though she had been stabbed with Awls, being so described unto him by the said *Grace*, in such manner, as this Informant thought that she would have died immediately ; and in such sad condition she the said *Grace* hath continued unto this present day, in tormenting and grievous pains.

And further saith, that upon Sunday last, which was the 16th day of *July* instant, about ten of the Clock in Forenoon, this Informant's said Wife was again taken worse than before, insomuch as Four Men and Women could hardly hold her.

And at that same time, one *Agnes Whitefield*, the Wife of *John Whitefield* of *Biddiford* aforesaid Cordwainer, being in this Informant's House, and hearing somebody out at the Door, she did open the Door, where she found one *Mary Trembles* of *Biddiford* aforesaid Single woman, standing with a White pot in her hands, as though she had been going to the common Bakehouse. And thereupon this Informant's Wife did ask of the said *Agnes Whitefield* who it was that was at the door? Unto which the said *Agnes Whitefield* answered and said, that it was *Mary Trembles*. Then this Informant's Wife did reply and said, that she the said *Mary Trembles* was one of them that did torment her, and that she was come now to put her the said *Grace* out of her Life.

Thomas Gist Mayor.

John Davie Alderman.

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Devon. ss. *The Information of Grace Barnes, the Wife of John Barnes of Biddiford in the County aforesaid Yeoman, taken upon her Oath before Thomas Gist Mayor of the Burrough, Town, and Mannor of Biddiford aforesaid, and John Davie Alderman, two of his Majesties Justices of the Peace within the same Burrough, &c. the 2d day of August, Anno Dom. 1682.*

THe said Informant upon her Oath saith, That she hath been very much pain'd and tormented in her Body these many years last past, insomuch that she hath sought out for Remedy far and neer, and never had any suspicion that she had had any Magical Art or Witchcraft used upon her Body, until it was about a year and a half ago, that she was informed by some Physicians that it was so.

And further saith, That thereupon she this Informant had some suspicion of one *Susanna Edwards* of *Biddiford* aforesaid Widow, because that she the said *Susanna* would oftentimes repair unto this Informants Husband's house upon frivolous or no occasions at all.

And further saith, That about the middle of the month of *May* last past, she was taken with very great pains of sticking and pricking in her Arms, Breast, and

Heart, as though divers Awls had been pricked or stuck into her Body, and was in great tormenting pain for many days and nights together, with a very little intermission.

And saith, That upon Sunday the 16th day of *July* last, she was taken in a very grievous and tormenting manner ; at which instant of time one *Agnes Whitefield*, the Wife of *John Whitefield* of *Biddiford*, was in this Informants Husband's house, who opening the Door, and looking out, found one *Mary Trembles* of *Biddiford* Single woman, standing before the Door. And thereupon this Informant did ask of the said *Agnes Whitefield* who it was that stood at the Door; who answered, that it was the said *Mary Trembles*. Upon which this Informant was fully assured, that the said *Mary Trembles*, together with the said *Susanna Edwards*, were the very persons that had tormented her, by using some Magical Art or Witchcraft upon her said Body as aforesaid.

Thomas Gist Mayor.

John Davie Alderman.

Devon. ss. *The Information of William Edwards of Biddiford in the County a-Biddiford ss. foresaid Black-smith, taken upon his Oath before us Thomas Gist Mayor of the Burrough, Town, and Mannor of Biddiford aforesaid, and John Davie Alderman, two of his Majesties Justices of the Peace within the same Burrough, &c. the 18th day of July, Anno Dom. 1682.*

THe said Informant upon his Oath saith, That upon the 17th day of July instant this Informant did hear *Susanna Edwards* to confess, that the Devil had carnal knowledge of her Body; and that he had suckt her in her Breast and in her Secret parts.

And further saith, that he did hear her the said *Susanna* to say, that she and one *Mary Trembles* of *Biddiford* aforesaid Single woman, did appear hand in hand invisable in *John Barnes's* house of *Biddiford* aforesaid, where *Grace* the Wife of the said *John Barnes* did lie in a very sad condition.

And further saith, That he did then also hear the said *Susanna* to say, that she and the said *Mary Trembles* were at that time come to make an end of her the said *Grace Barnes*.

Thomas Gist Mayor.

John Davie Alderman

Devon. ss. *The Information of Joane Jones, the Wife of Anthony Jones of Biddiford ss. ford in the County aforesaid Husbandman, taken upon her Oath before us Thomas Gist Mayor, and John Davie Alderman, the 18th day of July, Anno Dom. 1682.*

THe said Informant upon her Oath saith, That upon the 18th day of July instant, she this Informant being present with *Susanna Edwards of Biddiford aforesaid Widow*, there came in to see the said *Susanna* one *John Dunning of Great Torrington*, which said *John Dunning* this Informant did hear him to demand of the said *Susanna Edwards* how and by what means she became a Witch.

Unto which question the said *Susanna* did answer, that she did never confess afore now, but now she would.

And further saith, that she did hear the said *Susanna Edwards* to confess unto the said *John Dunning*, that she was on a time out gathering of Wood, at which time the said *Susanna Edwards* did see a Gentleman to draw nigh unto her; whereupon she was in good hopes to have a piece of Mony of him.

This Informant further saith, that the said *John Dunning* did demand of her the said *Susanna*, where she did meet with the said Gentleman; she the said *Susanna* did answer, that it was in *Parsonage Close*. And further saith, that after the said *John Dunning* was gone, this In-

formant did hear the said *Susanna Edwards* to confess, that on Sunday the 16th of *July* instant, she with *Mary Trembles*, and by the help of the Devil, did prick and torment *Grace* the Wife of *John Barnes* of *Biddiford* aforesaid.

And this Informant further saith, That she did hear the said *Susanna Edwards* and *Mary Trembles* to say and confess, that they did this present day, being the 18th of *July* instant, torment and prick her the said *Grace Barnes* again.

And further saith, That she did hear the said *Mary Trembles* to say unto the said *Susanna Edwards*; O thou Rogue, I will now confess all: For 'tis thou that hast made me to be a Witch, and thou art one thy self, and my Conscience must swear it.

Unto which the said *Susanna* replied unto the said *Mary Trembles*, I did not think that thou wouldest have been such a Rogue to discover it.

And further saith, That the said *Susanna Edwards* did say and confess, that the Devil did oftentimes carry about her Spirit.

And further saith, That she did hear the said *Susanna* to say and further confess, that she did prick and torment one *Dorcas Coleman* the Wife of *John Coleman* of *Biddiford* aforesaid Marriner.

And further saith, That she did hear the said *Susanna Edwards* to confess, that she was suckt in her Breast several times by the Devil in the shape of a Boy lying by her in her Bed; and that it was very cold unto her. And further saith, that after she was suckt by him, the said Boy or Devil had the carnal knowledge of her Body Four several times.

And this Informant further saith, That her Husband

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Anthony Jones, observing her the said *Susanna* to gripe and twinkle her Hands upon her own Body, said unto her, Thou Devil, thou art now tormenting some person or other. Whereupon the said *Susanna* was displeased with him, and said, *Well enough, I will fit thee*: And at that present time the said *Grace Barnes* was in great pain with prickings and stabbings unto her Heart, as she did afterwards affirm.

This Informant further saith, That one of the Constables and her said Husband, with some others, were sent by Mr. Mayor to bring the said *Grace Barnes* unto the Town-hall of *Biddisford* aforesaid; which they did accordingly do: and immediately, as soon as he with others had led and with much ado brought the said *Grace Barnes* into the Town-hall, she the said *Susanna Edwards* turned about and looked upon her said Husband, and forthwith this Informants said Husband was taken in a very said condition as he was leading and supporting the said *Grace Barnes* up the Stairs of the said Town-hall before the Mayor and Justices; insomuch that he cried out, *Wife, I am now bewitched by this Devil*, meaning *Susanna Edwards*; and forthwith leapt and capered like a Madman, and fell a shaking, quivering, and foaming, and lay for the space of half an hour like a dying or dead man. And at length, coming to his Senses again, her said Husband did declare unto this Informant, that the said *Susanna Edwards* had bewitched him.

And this Informant further saith, that she did never know her said Husband *Anthony Jones* to be taken in any Fits or Convulsions, but a person of a sound and healthy Body ever since he had been this Informants Husband.

Thomas Gist Mayor.
John Davie Alderman.

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Devon. ss. *The Information of Anthony Jones of Biddiford in the County aforesaid Biddiford ss. Husbandman, taken upon his Oath before us Thomas Gist Mayor of the Burrough, Town, and Mannor of Biddiford aforesaid, and John Davie Alderman, two of his Majesties Justices of the Peace within the same Burrough, &c. the 19th day of July, Anno Dom. 1682.*

THe said Informant upon his Oath saith, that yesterday whilst the said *Susanna Edwards* was in the Town hall of *Biddiford* concerning the said *Grace Barnes*, he did observe the said *Susanna* to gripe and twinkle her Hands upon her own Body, in an unusual manner : whereupon this Informant did say unto her, Thou Devil, thou art now tormenting some person or other. Whereupon the said *Susanna* was displeased with this Informant, and said, *Well enough, I will fit thee.* And at that present time the said *Grace Barnes* was in great pains with prickings and stabbings unto her Heart, as the said *Grace* did afterwards affirm.

This Informant further saith, That one of the Constables & he, with some others, being sent by the order of Mr. Mayor to bring the said *Grace* unto the Town-hall of *Biddiford* aforesaid; immediately, as soon as they had brought the said *Grace* unto the Town-hall, she the said *Susanna* turned about and looked upon this Informant, and forth-

with this Informant was taken in a very said condition as he was coming up the Stairs of the said Town-hall before the Mayor and Justices; insomuch that he cried out, *Wife, I am now bewitched by this Devil Susanna Edwards.*

Thomas Gist Mayor.

John Davie Alderman.

Devon. ss. *The Examination of Mary Trembles of Biddiford in the County aforesaid Single woman, taken before Thomas Gist Biddiford. ss. Mayor of the Burrough, Town, and Mannor of Biddiford aforesaid, and John Davie Alderman, two of his Majesties Justices of the Peace within the same Burrough, &c. the 18 day of July, Anno Dom. 1682.*

THe said Examinant being brought before us, and accused for practising of Witchcraft upon the Body of *Grace Barnes* the Wife of *John Barnes* of *Biddiford* aforesaid Yeoman, was demanded by us how long she had practised Witchcraft, said and confessed, That about three years last past, one *Susanna Edwards* of *Biddiford* aforesaid Widow, did inform her, that if she would do as she the said *Susanna* did, that this Examinant should do very well. Whereupon this Examinant did yield unto the said *Susanna Edwards*, and said that she would do as the said *Susanna* did.

And this Examinant further confesseth, that the said *Susanna Edwards* did promise that she this Examinant should neither want for Money, Meat, Drink, nor Clothes.

And further confesseth, That after that she had made this Bargain with the said *Susanna Edwards*, that the Devil in the shape of a Lyon (as she conceived) did come to this Examinant, and lay with her, and had carnal knowledge of her Body. And that after the Devil had had knowledge of her Body, that he did suck her in her Secret parts, and that his sucking was so hard, which caused her to cry out for the pain thereof.

And further confesseth, That on Tuesday in *Easter-week*, which was the 18th day of *May* last past, she this Examinant did go about the

the Town of *Biddiford* to beg some Bread, and in her walk she did meet with the said *Susanna Edwards*, who asked of this Examinant where she had been. Unto whom this Examinant answered, That she had been about the Town, and had begged some Meat, but could get none. Whereupon this Examinant, together with the said *Susanna Edwards*, did go to the said *John Barnes's* house, in hope that there they should have some Meat. But the said *John Barnes* not being within his house, they could get no Meat or Bread, being denied by the said *Grace Barnes* and her Servant, who would not give them any Meat. Whereupon the said *Susanna Edwards* and this Informant went away from the said *John Barnes* his house. And afterwards on the same day the said *Susanna Edwards* did bid this Examinant to go to the said *John Barnes* his house again for a Farthings worth of Tobacco. Whereupon this said Examinant did go, but could not have any; whereof this Examinant did acquaint the said *Susanna Edwards*, who then said that it should be better for her the said *Grace* if that she had let this said Examinant to have had some Tobacco.

And further confesseth, That on the 16 day of this instant month of *July*, she this Examinant, with the said *Susanna*, did go to the said *John Barnes* his house in *Biddiford* aforesaid, and went at the Fore-door invisibly into the Room, where they did pinch and prick the said *Grace Barnes* almost unto death; and that she saw the said *John Barnes* in bed with his Wife on the inner-side of the Bed.

The said Examinant being further demanded how many times the Devil had had the carnal knowledge of her Body besides the time above-mentioned; She saith and confesseth, That the Devil hath had the carnal knowledge of her Body three other times; and that the last of the said three times, was upon the said 16th day of *July* as she was going towards the common Bakehouse. And that at that time she, with the help of the Devil, would have killed the said *Grace Barnes*, if that she the said Examinant had not spilt some of the Meat she was then carrying unto the said Bakehouse.

Thomas Gift Mayor.

John Davie Alderman.

Devon. ss. *The Examination of Susanna Edwards of Biddiford a-
foresaid, in the County aforesaid Widow, taken the 10th day
Biddiford. ss. of July, Anno Dom. 1682.*

THe said Examinant being brought before us, and accused for practising of Witchcraft upon the Body of *Grace Barnes*, the Wife of *John Barnes* of *Biddiford* aforesaid Yeoman, was demanded by us how long since she had Discourse or Familiarity with the Devil; saith, That about two years ago she did meet with a Gentleman in a Field called the *Parsonage Close* in the Town of *Biddiford*. And saith that his Apparel was all of black. Upon which she did hope to have a pice of Money of him. Whereupon the Gentleman drawing near unto this Examinant, she did make a Curchy or Courtesie unto him, as she did use so to do to Gentlemen.

Being demanded what and who the Gentleman she spake of was, the said Examinant answered and said, that it was the Devil.

And confessed, that the Devil did ask of her whether she was a Poor woman? unto whom she answered, that she was a Poor woman; and that thereupon the Devil in the shape of the Gentleman did say unto her, that if this Examinant would grant him one request, that she should neither want for Meat, Drink, nor Clothes: Whereupon this Examinant did say unto the said Gentleman, (or rather the Devil) In the Name of God, what is it that I shall have? Upon which the said Gentleman vanished clear away from her.

And further confesseth, That afterwards there was something in the shape of a little Boy, which she thinks to be the Devil, came into her house and did lie with her, and that he did suck her at her breast.

And confesseth, that she did afterwards meet him in a place call'd *Stambridge-lane* in this Parish of *Biddiford*, leading towards *Abbot-tisham* (which is the next Parish on the west of *Biddiford* aforesaid) where he did suck blood out of her breast.

And further confesseth, That on Sunday, which was the 16th day of *July* instant, she this Examinant, together with *Mary Trembles* of *Biddiford* aforesaid, Single woman, did go unto the house of *John Barnes* of *Biddiford* aforesaid, Yeoman, and that no body did

did see them ; and that they were in the same room where *Grace* the Wife of the said *John Barnes* was, and that there they did prick and pinch the said *Grace Barnes* with their fingers, & put her to great pain and torment, insomuch that the said *Grace Barnes* was almost dead.

And confesseth, that this present day she this Examinant did prick and torment the said *Grace Barnes* again, (intimating with her Fingers how she did it). And also confesseth, that the Devil did intice her to make an end of her the said *Grace Barnes* ; and that he told her that he would come again to her once more before she should go out of Town. And confesseth, that she can go unto any place invisible, and yet her Body shall be lying in her Bed. And further confesseth, that the Devil hath appeared unto her in the shape of a Lyon, as she supposed.

Being demanded whether she had done any bodily hurt unto any other person besides the said *Grace Barnes*, saith and confesseth, that she did prick and torment one *Dorcas Coleman*, the Wife of *John Coleman* of *Biddiford* aforesaid Marriner. And saith, that she gave her self to the Devil when she did meet with him in *Stambridge-Lane*, as aforesaid. And saith, that the said *Mary Trembles* was a Servant unto her this Examinant, in like manner as she this Examinant was a Servant unto the Devil (whom she called by the Appellation of a Gentleman as aforesaid.)

Thomas Gist Mayor.

John Davie Alderman.

Examined with the Original,
whereof this is a true Copy.

John Hill Town-Clerk.

The Substance of the Last words and Confessions of *Susanna Edwards*, *Temperance Lloyd*, and *Mary Trembles*, at the time and place of their Execution ; as fully as could be taken in a Case liable to so much noise and confusion, as is usual on such Occasions.

Mr. H. **M**ary Trembles, What have you to say as to the Crime you are now to die for ?

Mary. I have spoke as much as I can speak already, and can speak no more.

H. In what shape did the Devil come to you ?

Mary. The Devil came to me once, I think, like a Lyon.

H. Did he offer any violence to you ?

Mary.

Mary. No, not at all, but did frighten me, and did nothing to me: And I cried to God, and asked what he would have, and he vanished.

H. Did he give thee any Gift, or didst thou make him any Promise? *Mary.* No.

H. Had he any of thy blood? *Mary.* No.

H. Did he come to make use of thy Body in a carnal manner?

Mary. Never in my life.

H. Have you a Teat in your Privy-parts?

Mary. None. *The Grand Inquest said it was sworn to them.*

H. Mary Trembles, Was not the Devil there with *Susan* when I was once in the Prison with you, and under her Coats? the other told me that he was there, but is now fled; and that the Devil was in the way when I was going to *Taunton* with my Son who is a Minister. Thou speakest now as a dying Woman, and as the Psalmist says, *I will confess my iniquities and acknowledge all my sin.* We find that *Mary Magdalen* had seven Devils, and she came to Christ and obtained Mercy: And if thou break thy League with the Devil, and make a Covenant with God, thou mayst also obtain Mercy. If thou hast any thing to speak, speak thy mind.

Mary. I have spoke the very truth, and can speak no more: *Mr. H.* I would desire they may come by me, and Confess as I have done.

H. Temperance Lloyd, Have you made any Contract with the Devil? *Temp.* No.

H. Did he ever take any of thy blood? *Temp.* No.

H. How did he appear to thee first, or where in the street? in what shape? *Temp.* In a woful shape.

H. Had he ever any carnal knowledge of thee? *Temp.* No, never.

H. What did he do when he came to thee?

Temp. He caused me to go and do harm.

H. And did you go?

Temp. I did hurt a Woman sore against my Conscience: he carried me up to her door, which was open: The Womans name was *Mrs. Grace Thomas.*

H. What caused you to do her harm? what malice had you against her? did she do you any harm?

Temp. No, she never did me any harm: but the Devil beat me about the Head grievously because I would not kill her: but I did bruise her after this fashion [*laying her two Hands to her Sides.*]

H. Did you bruise her till she blood came out of her Mouth?

H. How many did you destroy and hurt ? Temp. None but she.

H. Did you know any Marriners that you or your Associates destroyed by overturning of Ships and Boats ?

Temp. No ; I never hurt any Ship, Bark, or Boat in my life.

H. Was it you or Susan that did bewitch the Children ?

Temp. I sold Apples, and the Child took an Apple from me, and the Mother took the Apple from the Child ; for the which I was very angry : but the Child died of the Small Pox.

H. Do you know one Mr. Lutteril about these parts, or any of your Confederates? did you or them bewitch his Child ? Temp. No.

H. Temperance, How did you come in to hurt Mrs. Grace Thomas ? did you pass through the Key-hole of the Door, or was the Door open ?

Temp. The Devil did lead me up Stairs, and the Door was open : and this is all the hurt I did.

H. How do you know it was the Devil ?

Temp. I knew it by his Eyes ?

H. Had you no Discourse or Treaty with him ?

Temp. No ; he said I should go along with him to destroy a woman, and I told him I would not : he said he would make me ; and then the Devil beat me about the Head.

H. Why had you not called upon God ?

Temp. He would not let me do it.

H. You say you never hurted Ships nor Boats ; did you never ride over an Arm of the Sea on a Cow ?

Temp. No, no, Master, 'twas she, meaning Susan.

When Temperance said 'twas Susan, she said she lied, and that she was the cause of her bringing to die : for she said when she was first brought to Goal, if that she was hanged, she would have me hanged too ; she reported I should ride on a Cow before her, which I never did.

H. Susan, Did you see the shape of a Bullock ? at the first time of your Examination you said it was like a short black man, about the length of you Arm.

Sus. He was black, Sir.

H. Susan, Had you any knowledge of the bewitching of Mr. Lutteril's Child, or did you know a place called Tranton Burroughs ?

Sus. No.

H. Are you willing to have any Prayers ?

Then Mr. H. prayed, whose Prayer we could not take ; and they

he mounted the Ladder, he said, *The Lord Jesus speed me ; though my sins be as red as Scarlet, the Lord Jesus can make them as white as Snow : The Lord help my Soul.* Then was executed.

Mary Trembles said, *Lord Jesus receive my Soul ; Lord Jesus speed me ;* and then was also executed.

Temperance Lloyd said, *Jesus Christ speed me well : Lord forgive all my sins ; Lord Jesus Christ be merciful to my poor Soul.*

Mr. Sheriff. You are lookt on as the woman that has debauched the other two : Did you ever lie with Devils ?

Temp. No.

Sh. Did not you know of their coming to Goal ?

Temp. No.

Sh. Have you any thing to say to satisfy the world ?

Temp. I forgive them, as I desire the Lord Jesus Christ will forgive me. The greatest thing I did was to Mrs. Grace Thomas ; and I desire I may be sensible of it, and that the Lord Jesus Christ may forgive me. The Devil met me in the street, and bid me kill her ; and because I would not, he beat me about the head and back.

Mr. Sh. In what Shape or Colour was he ?

Temp. In black, like a Bullock.

Sh. How do you know you did it ? how went you in, through the Key-hole, or the Door ?

Temp. At the Door.

Sh. Had you no discourse with the Devil ?

Temp. Never but this day six weeks.

Sh. You were charged about 12 years since, and did you never see the Devil but this time ?

Temp. Yes, once before : I was going for Brooms, and he came to me and said, *This poor woman has a great burthen ;* and would help ease me of my Burthen : and I said, *The Lord had enabled me to carry it so far, and I hope I shall be able to carry it further.*

Sh. Did the Devil never promise you any thing ?

Temp. No, never.

Sh. Then you have served a very bad Master, who gave you nothing. Well, consider you are just departing this world : do you believe there is a God ?

Temp. Yes.

Sh. Do you believe in Jesus Christ ?

Temp. Yes ; and I pray Jesus Christ to pardon all my sins. And so was Executed.

